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C O N F I D E N T I A L STOCKHOLM 4830

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SOPN, PROP, SW

SUBJECT: OPINION SURVEY IN SWEDEN FINANCED BY RFE

REF: (A) MUNICH 2080, (B) STOCKHOLM 3847

1. EMBASSY REQUESTS URGENT INFORMATION FROM DEPARTMENT REGARDING RFE CONTRACT WITH SIFO TO POLL EAST EUROPEAN VISITORS TO STOCKHOLM (REF A). WE HAVE NO RECORDS TO SHOW THAT THIS ARRANGEMENT WAS CLEARED IN ANY WAY WITH THE EMBASSY OR THAT THE EMBASSY WAS EVEN INFORMED.

2. DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE AWARE THAT THE SURFACING OF THIS STORY, WITH FRONT-PAGE ALLEGATIONS OF "CIA ESPIONAGE," MAY DO US INTERESTS CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE IN SWEDEN, PARTICULARLY COMING AT THE HEIGHT OF THE SWEDISH ELECTION CAMPAIGN. IN REF B, EMBASSY TURNED AWAY POSSIBLE VOA INTEREST IN SUCH SURVEYS IN SWEDEN (UNFORTUNATELY WE DID NOT REPEAT THIS MESSAGE TO MUNICH AT THAT TIME, BUT ARE DOING SO NOW); OBVIOUSLY WE ARE MUCH MORE CONCERNED ABOUT RFE INTERVIEWS, BECAUSE OF RFE'S IDENTIFICATION IN PUBLIC EYE WITH CIA, THAN WE ARE ABOUT VOA INTERVIEWS. EMBASSY IS QUITE CONCERNED THEREFORE TO FIND THAT RFE HAS BEEN CONDUCTING INTERVIEWS HERE WITHOUT, TO BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, ANY CLEARANCE FROM EMBASSY. WE SPEAK WITH CAUTION ON THIS POINT BECAUSE IT IS POSSIBLE CLEARANCE WAS SOUGHT IN THE
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PAST AND OUR RECORDS DO NOT SHOW IT. IF NO CLEARANCE

WAS SOUGHT IN SUCH A SENSITIVE AREA, WE REGARD THIS AS A
MATTER OF GREAT CONCERN.

3. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE FULL INFORMATION SOONEST.
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